No materials have been purchased departmentally. The work has been given on lump sum contract and the contractor is collecting the required materials.

According to the contract the contractor is to finish the work within 30 months of the date of handing over the site to him.

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—"May I know the date when it was let to the contractor?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"Only very recently."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—"May I know the name of the contractor?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"Notice, Sir."

Veterinary

Prospects and utility of the Chintaladevi cattle farm.

*790 Q.—Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether he proposes to visit the Chintaladevi cattle farm with a view to study the progress and utility of the said farm ; and

(b) if not, whether he would be pleased to call for a thorough and complete report about its progress, prospects and utility?

A.—(a) Yes, at an early opportunity.

(b) In view of answer to (a) it is not necessary to call for the report.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Finance

Recommendations by the mirasidars' meeting at Mudikondan regarding the utilization of the remitted provincial contributions.

791 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether certain Mirasidars of Tanjore district held a meeting at Mudikondan on 29th October 1927 to consider the best method of utilizing the 348 lakhs of rupees released by the Central Government, and made recommendations to the Government ; and

(b) if so, what they are?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) A copy of the resolution [a] is appended.

Land Assignment

Land assignment to Adi-Dravidas in Matasa village, Wandiwash taluk.

792 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Esa Eri of Matam village, Wandiwash taluk, North Arcot district, is irrigating wet double crop lands of Matam and Isakolathur villages ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the supply from this Eri is insufficient and whether Government on the petitions of the ryots promised to repair the tank and asked the ryots to remove the prickly-pear on the bund of the Eri ;

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on pages 362–363 infra.